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SUBJECT: LETTERS OF APPRECIATION
BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. EMBASSY IS ASKED TO FORWARD CONTENTS OF LETTERS TO APPROPRIATE PERSONS AT ITS EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.
2. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE SAUD AL-FAYSAL IBN ABD AL-AZIZ - YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: IT WAS AGAIN A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE IN SAUDI ARABIA AND TO ENJOY THE HOSPITALITY FOR WHICH YOUR COUNTRY IS RENOWNED. ON BEHALF OF MY WIFE, MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF, I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT OUR WARMEST APPRECIATION.

WITHOUT MINIMIZING THE DIFFICULTIES WITH WHICH WE STILL HAVE TO DEAL, I THINK WE MADE SOME PROGRESS ON THIS TRIP. THE ACTIVE COOPERATION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS, AND I GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.

I AM ALSO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HAVING RECEIVED ROY ATHERTON
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WHO TRAVELED TO TAIF ON MY BEHALF TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OUR TALKS IN ISRAEL. YOUR PROVISIONS FOR HIS TRAVEL WERE MOST THOUGHTFUL AND GENEROUS.

I LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO CONTINUING OUR TALKS IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH, WHEN I HOPE WE SHALL BE ABLE TO APPROACH THE ISSUES IN AN EVEN MORE DETAILED AND SYSTEMATIC WAY.

RESPECTFULLY, CYRUS VANCE.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, PRINCE FAHD IBN ABD AL-AZIZ AL-SAUD

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: I VERY MUCH VALUED THE OPPORTUNITY DURING MY STOP IN TAIF TO DISCUSS WITH YOU AT LENGTH THE ISSUES IN WHICH WE SHARE IMPORTANT INTERESTS. I FELT THAT WE MADE SOME PROGRESS ON THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION, DESPITE THE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES THAT REMAIN, AND I APPRECIATED IMMENSELY THE REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE WITH WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT APPROACHED THE MATTER. ACTIVE SAUDI COOPERATION HAS HELPED US MEASURABLY TOWARD ACHIEVING THE PURPOSES OF MY TRIP. I HOPE, AND AM CONFIDENT, THAT WE CAN COUNT ON CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN US. FOR OUR PART, WE SHALL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING PRINCE SAUD IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH TO CONTINUE OUR CONSULTATIONS.

PLEASE ACCEPT, YOUR HIGHNESS, MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY SHOWN TO MY WIFE, MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF DURING OUR STAY IN YOUR COUNTRY. RESPECTFULLY, CYRUS VANCE.

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HIS MAJESTY KHALID BIN ABD AL-AZIZ AL-SAUD
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YOUR MAJESTY: MY VISIT TO TAIF WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASANT AND USEFUL AND I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WARM HOSPITALITY. ON BEHALF OF MY WIFE, MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF, I EXTEND TO YOU OUR DEEPEST THANKS.

I FOUND MY TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST ENCOURAGING, AND MY VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA ESPECIALLY SO. THERE ARE CERTAINLY SERIOUS DIFFERENCES THAT REMAIN TO BE DEALT WITH BUT I WAS HEARTENED BY THE EXTENT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN US ON HOW THEY SHOULD BE APPROACHED.

CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND YOUR MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN OUR EFFORTS TO HELP RESOLVE THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE, AS IT IS TO OUR POLICIES IN THE REGION MORE GENERALLY. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND I WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO OUR RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA. RESPECTFULLY, CYRUS VANCE. END CONFIDENTIAL. VANCE

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